



MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Federal Communications Commission
Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

On behalf of the Makah Tribe I would like to thank you for the time and assistance that was provided to our delegation during the National Reservation Economic Summit. The Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) has developed a rapport with our tribe that maintains the government to government relationship which the FCC has strived to establish.

We appreciate the time that you, Deputy Chief Irene Flannery and Senior Legal Advisor Rebekah Douglas took to allow us to describe the telecommunication challenges that our rural community faces on a daily basis. Your feedback has assisted us in clarifying our concerns; as well as, the options that we should be considering. The Makah Tribe will perform our due diligence by first identifying how we will be addressing our telecommunication crisis and then designing an action plan that will benefit our community for the next ten years.

The ONAP office serves as a central point of knowledge for all tribes who are preparing future leadership for the 21st century. You and your staff have provided us with the necessary contact information of tribes similar to ours so that we can build upon their experiences. Our technology team can gain prior knowledge through networking with these tribes that have successfully accomplished implementation of partnerships with service providers or the development of their own Electronic Telecommunication Companies.

We understand that that ONAP has heard stories similar to ours from other tribes around the United States; however, Makah is unique. We are located at the beginning of the world and have our own challenges and strengths. In order for your office to fully understand the terrain in which fiber optic infrastructure will be required to travel over and witness our most valuable resources a visit to Neah Bay is essential. As the Chairman of the Makah Tribe I would like to extend an invitation for you and your staff to visit our community. We will be delighted to host you as only the Makah Nation can.

Warm regards,

Timothy Greene Sr.

Makah Tribal Council Chairman

Cc: Senator Maria Cantwell

Senator Patty Murray

Congressman Derek Kilmer

Federal Communication Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler